

From the Editors

Of all living things, invertebrates make up by far the largest group. In the state of Victoria alone, there are estimated to be 50 000 to 80 000 species of invertebrates; this can be compared to only about 670 vertebrates in the same region. Ironically, this disparity in numerical representation is paralleled inversely by our level of knowledge—in general terms, we know considerably less about the more-numerous invertebrates than about vertebrates. This issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* goes a little way toward redressing that imbalance, reporting work on a variety of invertebrate species.

The issue is perhaps timely in another respect, in coming at the time of year that sees the greatest activity by many invertebrate species.

Lack of space has precluded the inclusion in this issue of 'Guidelines for authors', usually a feature of the December issue of this journal. It is intended that the Guidelines will be published in February 2010. The Guidelines are available from the website at <www.fncv.org.au/vicnat.htm>.

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